

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Claim 1 with the proper status identifier has been amended with the proper identifier. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 is now amended with the proper status identifier. The other claims have not been amended and all of the claims are identical to the Amendment filed on January 12, 2004. For brevity, the arguments made in the January 12 Amendment are not reproduced here.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented recite the subject matter in a form overcoming all of the rejections of record. Reconsideration of the rejections of record is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as amended are in full compliance with all statutory provisions and the reasons for rejection of record are no longer applicable. Early and favorable consideration of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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